# **Official AdamCon 06**

# From: The AdamCon 06 Planning Committee

# To: All Adam Owners

You are cordially invited to attend the 6th Annual International **Adam** Computer Convention in beautiful Sarasota, Florida. This major **Adam** event begins with registration and a Cocktail Party on Thursday evening, October 6, 1994 and offers three full days of Convention sessions, ending with a Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Sunday night, October 9, 1994. All for a full delegate price of only \$250.00 which includes lodging and meals. Daily rates are offered for those commuting to the convention from home.

### **AdamCon 06 Hosts and Presenters**

Your hosts for this convention are the Officers and Members of the three Florida Adam Users Groups: The Emerald Coast AUG, The Metro Orlando AUG, and The Southwest Florida AUG, plus Florida-based, Oscar's Computers.

The full measure of **Adam** User friendliness and warmth which pervades all conventions will be waiting for you. In addition, you will enjoy an excellent selection of Presenters and Instructors from among the most talented **Adam** experts available within the **Adam** community, including: *Peter Ames, Chris Braymen, Frances Clee, Ron Collins, Guy Cousineau, Faye Deere, Patricia Herrington, Thomas Keene, Bart Lynch, Ron Mitchell, Tony Patterson, Howard Pines, Robert Sebelist, Neil and Dale Wick, and others.* 

# The Con Theme: "Hands-on Learning"

The AdamCon 06 Planning Committee, with representation from each hosting group, has chosen the theme of *"Hands-on Learning"* for this convention. Specifically, that means that you will be able to use an Adam computer during most of the sessions. Since many of us learn best by "doing", having a chance to use an Adam keyboard as we learn should enhance our learning and retention of the information and skills provided by the presenters and instructors. Making mistakes will be an important part of the process too, so don't worry about having problems. You will be in good, friendly and supportive company. In addition, Adam computers will be available for you to use throughout daytime and evening hours. Or if you only want to sit and listen, that's fully acceptable too.

#### Please read on!!

### **Session Topics:**

Three main topics have been selected for presentation during the morning sessions during each of the three Convention days. This enables you to attend all three of the following sessions:

• **Wordprocessing**, including VDE266, a public domain TDOS program and SmartWriter, both fundamentals and advanced.

- Graphics, including *PowerPAINT*, *LOGO* and other great programs.
- **TDOS**, courses in an outstanding operating system at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Train with the experts!

Formal afternoon sessions will be offered on a wide variety of **Adam** topics in the Presentation Rooms and in the Main Convention Room. Yes, the focal point for the convention will be a very large Convention room arranged with many hands-on activity booths available on a continuous basis, including:

- *The Adam Repair Shop* A professional from Oscar's Computers will repair your **Adam** equipment at a special low Convention price **and will explain diagnostic and repair methods** to all attendees as repairs are being made.
- *The Adam Electronic Superhighway* booth will give you a chance to learn and/or practice calls to Adam and other Bulletin Boards and on-line services, at normal and super-high baud rates, send a FAX on an Adam, and play interactive, competitive games via a modem with other Adam users, including Adam *Chess* and *Modem Tank*. Learn how you and your Adam can join the Electronic Information Revolution easily and cheaply.
- *The Adam Music Studio* where you can experience the full capabilities of the the Adam to create and/or play music. Watch and listen as a regular Adam records and replays full musical selections using electronic musical keyboards and the Midi-Mite Interface. Receive personalized instructions on one of several electronic keyboards set up for your use.
- *The Adam Schoolhouse* booth will feature an opportunity for you to sample a wide variety of educational Public Domain (PD) and copyrighted programs (available for purchase from Vendors). You have heard about the ability of the Adam to help students learn fundamental subjects, now sample and select those best for your family (PD programs are free).
- *The Adam Arts & Graphics Studio* will feature personalized instructions on the use of the Adam to produce outstanding Graphics products for your home and business use. Come try out the truly outstanding graphics software currently available for your Adam. The Graphic Experts will be here!
- *The Ultimate Adam* exhibit booth will feature the latest in hardware and related software. Visit this booth and see an Adam operating with two 40 Meg hard drives, 80 column terminals and 40 column monitors and much more. Learn how to inexpensively attach an 80 column terminal, a dot matrix printer or high speed modem to your Adam. If you have never used an Adam with a hard drive, sit down and use one here!
- The Adam Store will provide a venue for our coveted Adam Vendors to provide you with a source for all of your Adam hardware and software needs. If the past practices hold true, many items will be at "Convention only" Prices.

# What Else Can You Expect?

Lots of new stuff, and the best of what is currently available. Oh, by the way, when you first arrive at the **AdamCon** 06 Registration Desk, don't be shocked when an **Adam** speaks to you as you enter your registration info!

**Plus - Special contests and prizes**. Throughout the convention there will be contests of **Adam** *Game* skills and just plain luck. In addition, everyone attending the banquet wins a door prize of varying value. In a nutshell, you may be among the lucky participants who will go home with a full *Hard drive* setup for your **Adam**, or an 80 column terminal, a high speed modem or other fine prize.

### **How About Your Family Members?**

Kids 14 years and under stay at the hotel free. Lodging for non-delegate adults (who stay with a Full Delegate) will cost \$50.00 additional for the 4 nights. Convention meal tickets are available at the AdamCon 06

Registration Desk plus the hotel has fine food services and restaurants. Also, local restaurants are nearby.

Plus - we will sponsor organized trips into the shopping areas of Sarasota, including the bayfront area, the famous St Armands Circle and Lido Beach. In addition, optional boat ride will be available at the hotel's own dock and marina facility on Friday afternoon.

# **Of Course Bring Your Swimming Suit!**

For trip planning purposes you should know that the Convention site is about one hour away from Bush Gardens and other Tampa area sites and only about 2 hours by car from Disney World, Universal Studios, MGM and other theme parks in Orlando. Plus Sarasota has Jungle Gardens, Ringling Museum and other unique attractions.

### **More About The Hotel**

The Convention will be located at the Sarasota Holiday Inn Airport-Marina located only 1-1/2 miles from the Sarasota International Airport, yet on the water. It's deep water marina is one of the most beautiful in the area. You will find nice accommodations. And the hotel dining and bar facilities (both indoor and outdoor) are particularly unique.

#### **OK - What About Those Costs???**

**Full Delegate:** \$250 for the full Convention. This includes 4 nights lodging (Thursday night through Sunday night), meals (Saturday lunch is open), parties, break snacks, and attendance in all Convention sessions. This cost assumes two delegates per room. Note: let us know if you have made arrangements with another delegate to share a room, or ask us for assistance. A few single rooms are available at \$290.00.

A non-delegate guest can stay with a Full Delegate for an additional \$50.00 (for the 4 nights, lodging only).

There will be no charge for lodging for Children 14 years and under.

#### **Installment Payment Plan:**

The \$250 Full Delegate fee can be paid in two installments (\$125.00 each) or Three installments (\$83.33 each) or four installments (\$62.50 each).

#### \*\*\*\*\*\* Now is a good time to begin your payments! \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### **Advance Payment:**

All who are paid-up full delegates by July 6, 1994 will receive the official AdamCon 06 T-Shirt *free*. All who are paid-up full delegates by August 15, 1994 will receive a special certificate for participation in an exclusive drawing for a major prize to be awarded during the Convention Awards Ceremony.

#### **Partial Delegate Costs**

Those unable to attend the full Convention, but who will be staying overnight, can attend at the following rates (all are "per person" rates):

THURSDAY NIGHT (lodging & party) \$40.00 (add \$20.00 for Single occupancy) FRIDAY (lodging, 3 meals, Snacks) \$75.00 " " " " " " SATURDAY (lodging, 2 meals, " ) \$60.00 " " " " " " SUNDAY (lodging, 3 meals/banquet) \$85.00 " " " " " "

For those commuting from home, day passes for all Convention Sessions, break snacks and lunch will be available at the AdamCon 06 Registration Desk for \$20.00 on Friday and Sunday and \$15.00 on Saturday (no group lunch).

Prices for the purchase of other individual Meal and Cocktail Party tickets on an individual basis will be posted at the **AdamCon** 06 Registration Desk.

#### All reservations, questions and payments should be addressed to:

ADAMCON 06 HEADQUARTERS C/O Bob Blair	Voice Phone: (813) 475-4219
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#### \*\*\*\* Checks should be made out to ACON 6 \*\*\*\*

Sincerely,

The AdamCon 06 Planning Group: Faye Deere, James Poulin, Howard Pines and Bob Blair